



Virginia Aviation Board Meeting Minutes FEBRUARY 19, 2003

MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2003, 9:00 A.M.
THE IVORY MASSEY BUILDING, RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RICHMOND, VA. 23231

MEMBERS PRESENT

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman
John G. Dankos, Jr.
Robert H. Neitz
Emmitt F. Yeary
John V. Mazza, Jr.
William J. Kehoe
Roger L. Oberndorf
Bob Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT

Airport Managers, Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, City & County Representatives, and Federal Government Representatives.

The minutes from the December 2002 Board Meeting were approved.

Ms. Jeanie Carter, Safety Officer, DOAV presented the aviation safety report. In the first quarter of 2003, there had been four accidents (0 fatalities): January 2003 -- 2 accidents, and February -- 0. Ms. Carter discussed upcoming safety events including: IA Renewal Seminar in March and Aviation Safety Week in April.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane, Director, DOAV, discussed the \$3.4 million to pay off the bond debt. Mr. John Beall, Esq., Office of the Attorney General, updated the Board on the latest information regarding the debt, including information that the Attorney General's office has authorized the hiring of outside counsel to help. A contract from Wells Fargo, the trustee and verification agent, has been received and everything seems to be moving ahead. Mr. Macfarlane briefly discussed several other items including: the Aircraft Sales and Use Tax; the situation with United Air Lines and US Airways; and Vtrans 2025. Following up the December meeting discussion of the Cardinal Pilot issue with Cheasapeake Municipal Airport, he mentioned that the Cardinal Pilot Shop had filed suit against the Airport. He also discussed safety issues concerning the Tangier Island Airport.

Ms. Cherry Evans, DOAV, updated the Board on public relations related activities and the results of the Virginia Public-Use Airport and FBO Survey concerning the impact of 9/11 on FBOs and flight schools. (See Attached).

Mr. Terry Page, FAA, invited everyone to attend the 26th Annual Hershey Conference, March 11-13, 2003, in Hershey, Pa. He discussed the temporary flight restrictions in the Northern Virginia area. He also gave

the status of the federal Airport Improvement Program and indicated that the Air-21 authorization is in place for FFY2003. Finally, Mr. Paige announced to airport sponsors that entitlement grants for air-carrier airports and that state enforcement grants for general aviation airports should be ready within the next 45 days, and that they should start working on their paperwork.

Mr. Emmitt Yeary, VAB, gave a brief presentation on the new Lee County Airport. He and other dignitaries attended the dedication of Virginia's newest airport on December 23, 2003.

Mr. Keith McCrea, DOAV, briefed the Board on legislation affecting aviation. He reported that he had tracked five Senate bills and eight House bills during the 2003 Session of the General Assembly. (See attached) Also, a resolution introduced by Senator Colgan to proclaim 2003 as Aviation Centennial Year in Virginia was passed unanimously. The House Budget Bill (Number 1400), to divert \$4.25 million from the Aviation Special Fund was still in conference. Mr. McCrea also updated the VAB on the Virginia SATS Lab. He reported that the organization had its first meeting on February 12, 2002; that it's long-term goal is to get equitable on demand widely distributed point to point transportation personal mobility; and it's short-term goal is to integrate current and evolving technologies in general aviation to help make general aviation safer.

Chairman Ramsey discussed the dispute with the Department of Taxation concerning funds taken from the Aviation Special Funds. A purposed resolution was presented to the Board for approval. After several word changes were made, the resolution was approved. (See attached)

Mr. Cliff Burnette, DOAV, discussed the GA security program, proposed to be partially funded from the Aviation Special Fund. Mr. Dankos, VAB, was concerned that the smaller airports could not afford their 10% share. He asked that the staff do more research and report its findings at the next meeting. Mr. Kehoe, VAB, asked about possibly funding the security audit and plan at 100%, with the other requirements funded at a reduced percentage. Mr. Macfarlane asked the Board for a recommendation at this meeting because the program needed to be implemented as soon as possible. He stated that the Department was looking for Board guidance concerning the local/state percentage of various portions of the program. He also asked the Board to approve \$250,000 for the program, as well as suggest which portions of the plan and audit should be accomplished so that these projects can be started immediately. He mentioned that 5th the Department would fund the plans, but the airports would be responsible for actually preparing them. The Department would also provide guidance for the airports to follow. The Board then discussed several issues, and following a motion, recommendations were made and approved. (See Attached.) Finally, the Board asked Mr. Macfarlane to notify former Lt. Governor John Hagar, Assistant to the Governor for Emergency Preparedness, and advise him of the Board's actions.

Mr. Mike Swain, DOAV, discussed the Department's recommendation concerning the average cost of maintenance equipment storage buildings. (See attached.) The Board approved the Department's recommendation of approving a maximum cost of \$25 per square foot for construction and design, and a maximum design size of 1,250 square feet based on other items. Mr. Swain indicated that the Department would advise airport managers and sponsors of the new criteria.

The attached memorandum from Mr. Swain describes the various airport projects and funding that were approved by the Board.

A motion was made and approved by the Board asking the Department to write a letter concerning terminal building rental payments at Hummel Field letting Middlesex County know that this may be the last year the State will pay rent.

Current balances of the various aviation funds are as follows:

General Aviation --	\$779.89
Air Carrier Reliever --	\$4,399.20
Promotion --	\$8,232.43
Air Service Development --	\$40,835.20

Chairman Ramsey asked the staff to continue to look into the land use and height restrictions and possibly make a proposal at the next meeting.

Chairman Ramsey then called for Board member reports.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments